[Mr. P. Kunjukrishnan.]

(*b*) if answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any steps have been taken thereon ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the above answer.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether it was brought to the notice of the honourable member in this House at any time ?

MR. E. G SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: On a point of order. Sir, during the last budget session it was brought to the notice of the honourable member that the waiting shed at the Quilon garage is insufficient and that proper accommodation is not available. Now the honourable member says that it was not so.

MR. E. G. SALTER: The information that was brought to the notice of Government in that session was that the accommodation which was considered to be available for passengers was being usurped by the staff of the department ; and within 24 hours of that statement that practice was stopped. Since then there has been no further complaint.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether it was also not brought to the notice of the honourable member that sufficient accommodation was not available in the garage waiting shed ?

MR. E. G SALTER: No, Sir.

Recruitment from the Bar as Munsiffs and Judges.

229. ✻ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the existing rule regarding the proportion of recruitment from the Bar to appointment from the department, in regard to appointment of Munsiffs and Judges ; and

(*b*) whether any change has been made in the rule or practice ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 1572 of 37/Judl. dated the 8th July 1937, on the subject, published at pages 1430 and 1431 of Part I of the Government Gazette dated the 13th July 1937/29th Mithunam 1112.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether the honourable member is prepared to give the ratio here now ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, more than the information contained in the Gazette referred to in the answer it is not possible for me to supply at present. The G. O. itself states that until the existing qualified staff in the department is absorbed, the rule in regard to the proportion will not be insisted upon.

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